

Q: What type of products are available through the Distributor's Program?**Answer:**

- Print-on-Demand (POD)
- Electronic (PDF)
- Hard copy material (inventoried items)
- Redline standards
- Custom Collections—a la carte standard service decided by your customer base. For more information on this option, please contact stds-ipr@ieee.org

Q: How will we receive the documents from IEEE SA?

Answer: IEEE SA provides the transfer of the XML data via FTP or sFTP electronic feed.

Q: I have received the full data feed. What is the next step?

Answer: The next step is to import the XML data into your system/product database.

Q: Are there any special tools that should be used with this program?

Answer: A .zip file compression program, such as WinZip, is needed

Q: What if my system cannot handle the full IEEE Standards library all at once? Is there a way of receiving the documents besides FTP? Is it possible to receive specific technology areas such as all power, all nuclear, etc?

Answer: FTP/sFTP is the only way of receiving the documents. A partial or specific data feed can be arranged upon request.

Q: Will the PDFs be sent along with the metadata?

Answer: The PDFs are sent along with the XML metadata. There is a reference to the PDF in the XML metadata like this:

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<pdf_filename>3002.8-2018.pdf</pdf_filename>
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Q: Scope, purpose, and abstract: Are all of these available in the metadata? Is this the expected format?

Answer: Yes, <projectscope> contains the scope of the project. <projectpurpose> would contain the purpose. <scope> contains the abstract.

Q: Do <refieedoc> and <refnoieedoc> list all the Normative References in the standard?

Answer: Yes, in the XML metadata <refieedoc> is associated to referenced IEEE documents and <refnoieedoc> information are non-IEEE products listed as text.

Q: In the XML documentation, some elements are listed as "Displayed in UI". Is this a requirement?

Answer: Yes, these requirements are recommended.

Q: Are there any products in any format other than a single PDF file uploaded to our FTP?

Answer: Yes, we send Standards Sets and Custom Collections in a .zip file format.

Q: What is the corresponding subscription_id for each collection/subscription?

Answer: Most IEEE Standard PDF records are mapped to a subscription package. A copy of the latest Subscription Tree is provided for your use. Example:

```
<subscriptiontable>
<subscription_id>159</subscription_id>
</subscriptiontable>
```

Q: What is the category_id element, and can we get the documentation about the category_id values?

Answer: The category_id element maps to technical categories/browse topical areas. A copy of the latest Category Tree is provided for your use. Example:

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<categorytable>
<category_id>62</category_id>
</categorytable>
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Q: If the product has a standard number, will the <standard_number> element always include the publication year in the end of standard number in format "-YYYY"?

Answer: This is not always the case. We have draft standards and other non-standard products that do not follow that rule. For example, this Draft: <standard_number>P3004.11</standard_number>.

Q: If a product becomes superseded, does the metadata change?

Answer: The <scope> is updated with the superseded status. Also, the SKU is changed with a prefix of STDSU.

Q: If the distributor_efeed file does not include a Print-on-Demand SKU for the product, does that mean we are not allowed to sell it as Print-on-Demand?

Answer: Correct, you should not sell it as POD if the XML metadata is not provided.

Q: Would it be possible to get the metadata feed for all updated standards as a single distributor_efeed file, instead of having a separate file for each standard?

Answer: This is not possible in our current structure.

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